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Ayer's Hair Vigor keeps the hair soft and pliant, imparts to it the lustre and freshness of youth, causes it to grow luxuriantly, eradicates dandruff, cures all scalp diseases, and is the most clearly of all hair preparations.

AYER'S Hair Vigor has given me perfect satisfaction. I was nearly bald for six years, during which time I used many hair preparations, but without success. Indeed, my hair, which I had, was growing thinner, until I tried Ayer's Hair Vigor. I used two bottles of the Vigor, and my hair is now well covered with a new growth of hair.

HAIR that has become weak, gray, and faded, may have new life and color restored to it by the use of Ayer's Hair Vigor. My hair was thin, faded, and dry, and fell out in large quantities. Ayer's Hair Vigor stopped the falling, and restored my hair to its original color. As a dressing for the hair, this preparation has no equal. Mary N. Hammond, Stillwater, Minn.

VIGOR, youth, and beauty, in the hair, may be preserved for an indefinite period by the use of Ayer's Hair Vigor. A disease of the scalp caused my hair to become bald, and dry, and to fall out in large quantities. Ayer's Hair Vigor stopped the falling, and restored my hair to its original color. As a dressing for the hair, this preparation has no equal. Mrs. E. R. Foss, Milwaukee, Wis.

Ayer's Hair Vigor, Sold by Druggists and Perfumers.

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I have been a great sufferer from Headache, and Ayer's Cathartic Pills are the only medicine that has ever given me relief. One dose of these Pills will quickly remove my headache, and I feel like a new man. William L. Page, my head from pain. Richmond, Va.

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OF GENERAL INTEREST.

Chicago is to have an elevated railroad with a capital of \$20,000,000.

Agricultural. As a general thing it is an easy matter to exterminate weeds on a widow's bonnet, but it takes a man to do the job. —Charlestown Enterprise.

A contemporary devotes half a column to a dog fight and only a stickful to a bitter quarrel between two brother editors. How unequal things are ordered in this world! —Decatur Journal.

An Elgin man preserves a clipping from a Virginia newspaper of only thirty years ago, in which an account is given of the sentence of a woman to two years' imprisonment for teaching a slave to read.

A mud devil is a new addition to the Philadelphia Zoological Garden. It is much like a tadpole, is about eighteen inches in length, with a broad, flat head, and has a sharp, saw-like fin running from the middle of the back to the tail.

George Brill, of York, Pa., was trying to teach his dog to catch articles that were thrown to him. He threw a silver dollar, and the dog caught and swallowed it. He sought a physician, but all the advice he got was the suggestion that he hold a green-back before the dog and demand specie payment.

A new wrinkle in bull-fighting has been developed in Mexico. The arena is flooded with electric light, which seems to fairly craze the animals, making the tames bull a howling terror. The light also adds splendor to the gaudy uniforms and decorations of the matadors and the diamonds of fair spectators.

In the crop of one of a lot of Western turkeys recently received in Hartford, Conn., was this note, duly signed, and with the writer's address: "I am a young man about thirty-five years old, and never kept company with a girl. Would like to correspond with some young lady, if this chance falls into the hands of such."

The Times of India says that a general order is about to be issued by the Commander-in-Chief directing that cavalry, like infantry, shall henceforth cheer when charging. It is suggested that when Colonel give out their commands on other matters, soldiers might also be permitted to express their approval by a "cheer heart!"

A Montana paper recently contained this remarkable notice: "Mr. Charles Johnson and Miss Fanny West were married by Rev. S. Hills on Wednesday. So far no trouble has resulted, and those best informed as to the situation say there will be none." The next day the editor apologized and explained that part of an item regarding an inebriate strike had got in the wrong place.

Connecticut farmers who took turkeys to Hartford just before Thanksgiving to sell from house to house were considerably surprised when they were forced to have their scales inspected. Nine out of seventeen were short weight, and some of them absolutely worthless. One old farmer, who objected decidedly to the examination, was told that he had been cheating himself for years.

The recent tearing down of a New Hampshire manufactory by means of dynamite demonstrates a new use for the explosive. The concussion completely separated the bricks and did not seem to injure them in the least. The charges were put in holes dug in the foundation under the brick wall, and the number of cartridges were graded according to the number of bricks in the wall to be demolished. —Public Opinion.

A Danbury man recently found what he supposed was a mushroom, weighing ten ounces, which he cooked and ate with a relish. Soon after he felt a pain in his stomach, which, failing to subside, alarmed him. A stomach pump and other salutary methods were applied and he soon felt relieved. An exterior examination, however, revealed a pin that had worked through from his belt and was the cause of all the trouble.

Justice Jannasch, of Kalamazoo, has a parrot that he wouldn't sell for its weight in silver. On five different occasions has this intelligent bird saved the house from being robbed. The burglar got the door unfastened, but when he opened it the parrot came in a starn and harsh voice: "Hello, there! What's the matter?" The burglar didn't answer, but fell over himself in his desperate hurry to get away from there.

An amusing incident recently occurred on a Western passenger train. A sheriff in charge of a horse thief on route for the penitentiary, fell asleep and the prisoner jumped to the rear end of the train and walked off. His movements were discovered and the train was stopped, when it was ascertained that the convict had lodged in a mud hole and was unable to extricate himself. He was rescued from his perilous predicament and proceeded on his journey to the State prison.

The enormous idea is somewhat prevalent that the northwestern part of Dakota Territory beyond the Missouri river is all Bad Lands. Some of the best country in the Territory, for agricultural purposes, is to be found there. Colonies from the East have already been planted there, and others are springing out the land with a view to establishing other colonies next season. The inexhaustible fields of easily accessible fertile soil and the fuel question one of important economic consideration in favor of that country.

An End to Bone Snapping. Edward Shepherd, of Harrisburg, Ill., says: "Having received so much benefit from Electric Bitters, I feel it my duty to let suffering humanity know it. I have an examining case on my leg for eight years; my doctors told me I would have to have the bone scraped or leg amputated. I used, instead, three bottles of Electric Bitters and now my leg is sound and well." Electric Bitters are sold at 50 cents a bottle, and Buckner's Arnica Salve at 25 cents per box by John A. Sweeney.

Three Bottles Cure Catarrh. Mr. J. C. Rogers, of O. O. Columbus Co., Pa., writes: "My daughter had catarrh when she was five years old, very bad. I used a bottle for her, and soon saw that it helped her. A child recently effected a permanent cure. She is now eighteen years old and is well and happy."

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Does This Catch Your Eye?

We have an obscure idea that it does, but if we are in error kindly give us an indication and if the REPUBLICAN is for sale we will buy the plant and run her wide open to make you aware of the fact that we are offering THE GREATEST BARGAINS IN

RED FLANNEL UNDERWEAR

In the United States. 100 Dozen Undershirts. 100 " Drawers, All Wool, Soft Finish, Extra Fine Quality, worth \$2.00, at ONE-HALF THE PRICE— \$1.00 UNDERSHIRTS. \$1.00 DRAWERS.

Come at once, as these goods will walk away with anything in the Flannel line that sells for more money.

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AT THE

NEW YORK STORE,

Are at Present Closing Out Odd Lots of Surplus Stock.

WOOLEN HOODS at 25c; former price, 50c.

WOOLEN FASCINATORS at 50c; former price, 75c.

Remnants of DRESS GOODS at 10c per yard; former price 15c.

Remnants of DRESS GOODS at 15c per yard; former price 20c.

Remnants of Dress Goods at 19c per yard; former price 25c and 30c.

Remnants of All Wool Dress Goods at 39c; former price 50c.

Remnants of All Wool Fancy Dress Goods, fifty and fifty-four inches wide, at 50c; former price 75c.

Remnants of Fine French Dress Goods, in plain and fancy colors, at 75c per yard; former price 90c, \$1.00 and \$1.25 per yd.

One lot of Odd Sizes in Ladies' and Children's Cloaks, Marked Down to Exactly ONE-HALF THE Original Price!

+BRADLEY BROS.,+

NEW YORK STORE.

Sole Agents at Decatur for the Celebrated Jovrin Kid Gloves.

HEARKEN UNTO MY WORDS

And Be Impressed by My

COMMANDMENTS.

I. Thou shalt have no other place to buy Clothing, Hats, Caps and Furnishing Goods, except CHEAP CHARLEY'S.

II. Thou shalt not choose unto thyself any other Merchant; thou shalt not bow down to them nor listen to their speeches, for Cheap Charley's Clothing House is a reliable place to trade, capable to serve his customers to the third and fourth generations.

III. Thou need not seek in vain for stylish Clothing, Furnishing Goods, etc., at the Very Lowest Prices, for they can be found in large quantities at Cheap Charley's.

IV. Thou shalt bear in mind that if any day in the week you will buy a suit of clothes at Cheap Charley's you can rest easy on the seventh.

V. Thou shalt honor Cheap Charley's One Price Clothing House. May you for many years be dressed in suits thereof.

VI. Thou shalt not commit an error of propriety by purchasing thy Own Gentle Furnishing Goods, Hats, Trunks, etc., elsewhere, but go direct to Cheap Charley's, where thou wilt get what thou wantest at Low Prices.

VII. Thou shalt not seek a different strange styles, but go direct to Cheap Charley's, Corner of Old Square.

VIII. Thou shalt not stand an Overcoat, for Cheap Charley's sells them so cheap it would be a sin.

IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness, but openly acknowledge that thou canst be better suited at Cheap Charley's for less money than any other Clothing House in the city.

X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods, nor his bargain, but take counsel of this and proceed straightway to Cheap Charley's, Corner of Old Square.

Spring Wagons

Hand-made, and at prices to suit all. Also a few second-hand Spring Wagons newly painted, and in good shape, at the BLYTHES Carriage Shop. July 28-29

Underwear

For Ladies and Children, a complete assortment, at lowest prices. LINT & SCHOONER.

T. N. LEAVITT, of Maroa, has been appointed agent for the Pierce Well Augur for Macon and adjoining counties. The Pierce Augur was the one used at Decatur and Maroa. n17-dawit

Dress Goods, In French, German and American Notions, very handsome and cheap, just received. LINT & SCHOONER.

J. R. RACE & CO. have a fine line of men's Plaided Flannel Shirts—size from 17 to 20-inch collar. daw

A SHIP with a fine line of Christmas presents can be seen at Cheap Charley's. dawit

MONROE, WELLS & CO. are now constantly receiving new patterns, in Wood, Iron and Steel Mantels, Vestibule and Hearth Tiles, Fine Brass Fenders, Fire Stoves, and everything pertaining to this one. No larger or more complete assortment can be found elsewhere. daw

PARTIES attending court next week will find the Court House Restaurant a convenient and desirable place to board. Everything in first-class style and prices reasonable. 139 South Water street. W. A. COMBS, Proprietor. 5-dawit

ANYONE in search of a first-class cooking apparatus can find what they want in the "Home Comfort" Range sold by Moore, Wells & Co. One of the best home-made in the city says: "We did not know what home comfort was until we got a 'Home Comfort' range in the house." n30-11

THE BREWSTER & LEHMAN Co. sell the reliable Peter Shuttler and Moline Wagons. Nov 9-dawit

A CHILD can buy at Cheap Charley's as well as any man. dawit

HENRY BROS. make the largest lot of home-made bread of any in the city. bread delivered promptly anywhere it is desired. nov22-dit

UPPER CASES and Furniture Repairing done by A. Beer. Will please everybody. Lincoln Square. Jan 16-1888

THE Bluegrass Shop will make you low figures on vehicle work. ap16-dit

Go to The Spencer & Lehman Co. for Wood Furnaces, Chain Pumps and Iron Horse Furnaces. Nov 9-dawit

The Hercules white shirt are the best and only one dollar. LINT & SCHOONER.

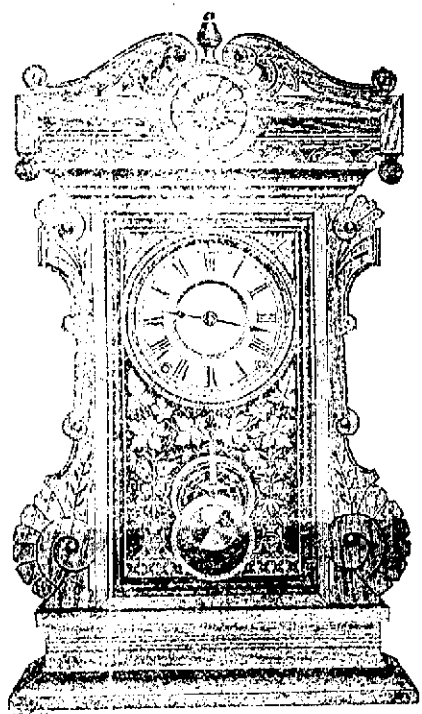
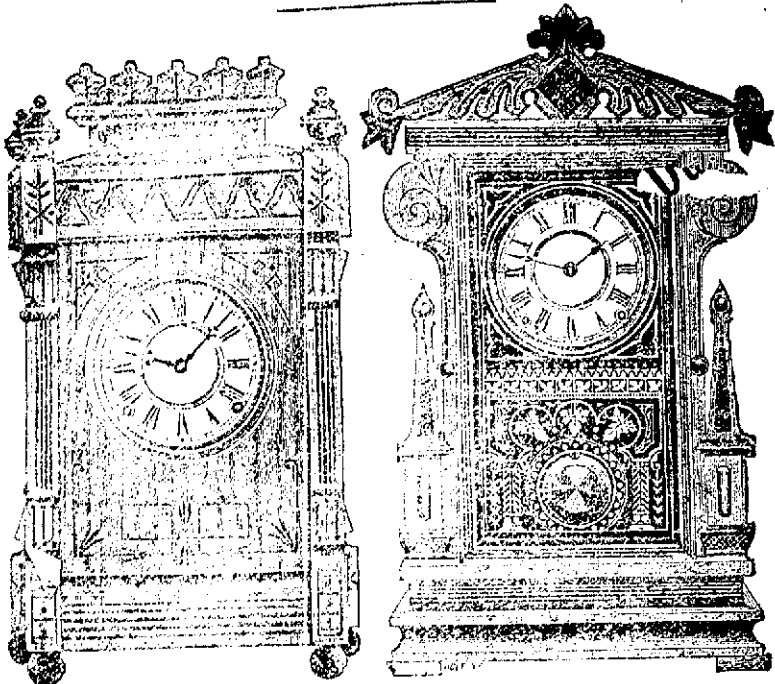
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We have a perfect stock of Reliable Clocks. The Hour and Half-Hour Strike. We keep both the "CATHEDRAL GONG" as well as the "LOUD BELL" strikes.

If in search of a clock call and see ours.

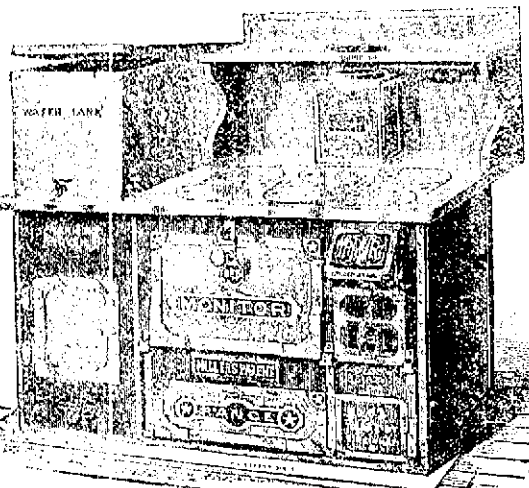
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Our Holiday Meats are sold and we again return to the sale of everyday beef, the quality of which we guarantee to be equal to that found in any market in this or other cities. We are prepared to supply you at all times with THE BEST OF EVERYTHING you may need in our line.

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LOOK TO YOUR HEALTH!

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**COFFEES,
PRINCESS TEA,
Pillsbury's Best Flour,
BOOTH OYSTERS,
Quaker City Preserves,
4-X Maple Syrup,
Pennsylvania Buckwheat,
Extra German Soap,**

DINGES & CLOYD'S.

MONDAY EVE., JAN. 30, 1888.

LOCAL NEWS.

For dinner and tea sets, go to

W. D. BARTHOLOMEW & Co.'s.

FORGIVEN.

SEATS are selling for "Chris and Lena."

BILL NTE coming Feb. 14. 21-dkt

PETE BAKER in "Chris and Lena" Wednesday night.

COLDER weather is promised. It has been rather soft since Saturday.

COMING—"Damen and Pythias" Friday night; "The Private Secretary" Saturday night at the opera house.

CALL at Knapp & Osborne's first-class grocery store every day for fresh butter and table supplies generally.

THE prosecution will strenuously resist the motion for a new trial in the Westbrook case.

PRESIDENT YOUNG says that the gross receipts of the National League clubs in 1887 were \$320,000, and that the receipts of 1887 beat this amount by \$80,000.

MAKING a partial fuel famine last week. Both local dealers were out of coal and the people had to hustle for coals, planks and other stuff to burn.

You can always get the best of stock feed at Niedermyer's grocery store.

THE Comp show party and horses left for Delevan this morning. The combination took in nearly \$1,000 on the week's engagement in Delevan.

ALWAYS ask for Hatfield & Co.'s celebrated White Foam flour. All grocers sell it.

DIRECTIVE BALDARD, of the Wabash, is trying to hunt down the man who stole a gold watch from Conductor Barney Keele.

FRESH oysters, California fruits, maple syrup and buckwheat flour ready for use at Hankins & Patterson's popular grocery store.

FOR SALE—\$1500 will buy the best paying Restaurant in Central Illinois. Over \$200 business last year. Apply at this office. jan30-dkt

JUDGE WILKIN will wind up the business of the present term of court. He will arrive from Danville this afternoon.

J. LYTLE & Co. invite you to call at their grocery store in opera block, and procure the best of table supplies.

DEATH has been threatened with a cheap opera company but it came on Bloomingdale and has gone another way.

METALIC WEATHER STRIP, the only strictly reliable article, at Abela's.

THE Peoria Board of Trade Building was destroyed by fire last night. The total loss on building and contents is \$150,000.

If you want to hear good singing and see a good comedy, see Baker in "Chris and Lena" Wednesday evening.

THE Chicago club has offered Pitcher Clarkson \$3,000 salary for next season, but Clarkson, having the Cardinals deal in mind, thinks he is worth \$4,500.

SELECT anything you want for the table at Moore Bros' grocery store in opera block.

KNOWING the tremendous advance in C. five within the past year, the reader will be surprised—we repeat it, surprised—to see what an excellent coffee can be had for 25c per pound at Dinges & Cloyd's.

W. H. SMOKE, the coal dealer on North Main street, makes specialty of stove wood, kindling, and stock feed.

For all kinds of bread, pies, cakes and rolls, go to the bakery of August & Dowling, 533 North Morgan street. None better in the city. jan30-dkt

FINNAN HADDIE at Dinges & Cloyd's. jan30-dkt

You will need a new buggy or carriage in the spring. See D. F. Hamaker for prices and terms. He will suit you.

TRY Clymer's roller process for the hair. One trial will convince the most difficult to please. Call and see me, under Cheap Charley's. 25-dkt

STEP in at Lytle & Eckels' hardware store, several styles.

READ Cheap Charley's advt' dkt

PHILIP ROBERTSON has opened his new and elegant saloon, No. 118 North Water street, where he would be pleased to see all his old friends and many new ones.

J. W. CLYMER's barber shop under Cheap Charley's. With neat, plenty of hot water, clean towels, and nothing in my line can you call for that I haven't got. dkt

LIGHT-WEIGHT Flannel Shirts, neatly made, perfect fits, elegant shades, well adapted for clerks, bookkeepers and business men generally, at B. STINE'S.

THE ladies of the Antioch Baptist church will give a grand supper on Tuesday evening, Jan. 31, at the church. Come one, come all, and enjoy all the delicacies of the season. dkt

CARPETS and WALL PAPER, new stock for Spring coming in every day, at Abela's. jan21-dkt

MARRIED.

DEY A. C. Stevens, J. P., at his office, January 30, at 10 o'clock a. m. Mr. Frank Emrick and Miss Mary E. Neilson, both of Harrison township.

DECEASED LECTURE COURSE.

4th Entertainment. ALPINE CHIEF and TROUBLE ON. Opera House, Tuesday Evening, Jan. 31. From the Archdeacon of Westminster. Jan. 15, '88.

DEAR SIR:—I presided at an entertainment given by your choir in Westmoreland town hall, and I was much gratified by the song and the manner in which they were sung. Faithfully Yours, F. W. FARRAR.

Here Andre.

Death of Mrs. N. A. White.
The announcement of the death of Mrs. Mary O. White, wife of Col. N. A. White, which occurred at 5:30 o'clock this morning, at 521 East Eldorado street, will occasion no surprise, as the old lady had been dangerously ill for a number of months. She died of intercostal neuralgia and had been confined to her room for three months. The deceased was born at Montreal, Canada, in 1817, and was in the 72d year of her age. She leaves a husband and two daughters, Mrs. A. C. Waterhouse, of this city, and Mrs. N. P. Niles, of Champaign, Ill. Mrs. White was an estimable Christian woman who had hosts of personal friends in the community. During her long sojourn in Decatur she had endeared herself to the hearts of all her acquaintances who will mourn the death of the noble lady as that of a sister and friend. The time of the funeral has not yet been fixed.

A Small Fire.
Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock an alarm of fire was turned in from Gephart's grocery store on North Water street, and within five minutes the department had arrived at the scene ready for work. It was a lightning run to an insignificant blaze—a burning flue in one of the tenement houses of Harvey Parco's row of "flats" in Higgins' addition. A bucket of water put out the fire, which broke out in the roof where there was no chimney. The dwelling is occupied by Pleasant Falcouner, who is a very sick man, his wife and three small children.

A Serious Charge.
Messrs. particulars of a very sensational character comes from Owaneco, nine miles northwest of Taylorville. Miss May Fox, the pretty 15-year-old daughter of John Fox, a farmer living near that place, gave birth to a child a few days ago, which is still living, but the young mother died and was buried. Before dying she made affidavit charging Dr. J. S. C. Cassius, a physician of that town with being the father of her child. He was arrested and gave a \$2500 bond for his appearance before Justice Anderson for a preliminary examination to-day. Dr. Cassius is a man of good character and high standing in the community. He is a local Democratic politician of some note and has several times been elected supervisor of that township, holding that office now, and is also postmaster of Owaneco. He unequivocally denies the charge, and demands a full investigation.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Hon. Wm. Graham, of Oakley, was in the city to-day on legal business.

Justice Curtis, who has been dangerously ill for several days, is again on duty in his office.

David Kyle, the well-known broom maker, is dangerously ill. He has been confined to his room for several weeks.

A. B. Fish, of Elgin, Ill., arrived in the city to-day to attend the funeral of his brother.

Oliver Duck, of Shell City, Mo., partner of the late James G. Fish in the stock yard business, was at the funeral to-day.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Loeb departed this afternoon for Jacksonville, Florida, where they will remain two or three months.

H. M. Whitmer, who has been in Iowa, arrived home to-day accompanied by his son, wife and grandson, whose home is at Jacksonville, Ill.

Ralph Templeton is reading medicine at W. C. Armstrong's drug store. He will become a licensed pharmacist in time.

John B. Camp has sold his farm of 208 acres near Harrisburg to G. W. Cooper for \$11,100, and will soon depart for California.

James Coop is again a salesman at Linn & Scruggs' dry goods house, where his many friends will find him ready to serve them in his customary affable manner.

Mrs. Joseph Shellabarger, of Topeka, Kansas, is in the city, called here by the dangerous illness of her aged father, Dr. W. H. Mitchell. His condition is critical.

Frank A. Emerich and Miss Mary Vinces, of Decatur, and Theo. E. Birk and Miss Anna B. Craig, of Austin township, were granted marriage licenses to-day.

J. E. Smith left to-day for Chicago, to attend the annual meeting of the agents of the Union Central Life Ins. Co., to be held to-morrow at the Grand Pacific Hotel.

A. T. Lee, editor of the Advocate, published at Columbus, Kansas, is in the city to-day on business, and paid us a fraternal call. Columbus is a mining town of 3,000 inhabitants, and the people are flourishing.

The members of the Woman's Club are requested to meet at the club room on Tuesday, January 31, at 10 a. m., to take action on the death of Mrs. N. A. White.

There will be a children's recital at the Musical College to-morrow. The pupils and their parents are cordially invited to be present.

The decision of Judge Smith on the motion for a new trial in the Westbrook case, will be heard with interest. Since the verdict of death was given, the case excites universal interest. Judge Smith will arrive here to-morrow at 10:40 a. m. when the arguments will commence. It is not likely that the Judge will be given a chance to decide the matter before to-morrow evening.

DIED.

Of quick consumption at his home, No. 426 South Olive street, at 11:15 p. m. on Saturday, January 29, 1888, aged 42 years.

The deceased leaves a wife and seven children surviving him. He was a Union ex-soldier, having served in the War of the Rebellion, and was a member of the 9th Illinois Infantry. At the time of his death he was postmaster for the township.

Notice.

Members of Dunham Post, No. 141 G. A. R., will meet at their hall at 9 a. m. Tuesday, January 31st, for the purpose of attending the funeral of Comrade Jacob Bauer. By order of J. M. BLYTHE, Adj.

SEE "Chris and Lena" Wednesday night.

CHICAGO has signed a regular grant for the Western League team in Schenck, formerly of the Pittsburgh Pirates. He is six feet five inches in height and weighs 257 pounds.

A SHIPMENT of carpets, wall paper, and other received every day this week at Abela's. jan21-dkt

A Surprise for All.

A display of new spring carpets, rugs, wall decorations, window shades, and elegant, surprisingly rich in coloring, elegant in pattern, and excellent quality, at Abela's. Capt. Abel will surprise you by the bargains he will give you in these novelties.

Masonic.

There will be a meeting of Ionic Lodge to-night for work. Brothers of Macon Lodge No. 8 are cordially invited to attend. W. H. SMOKE, W. M.

IN HIS CELL.

Young Westbrook and the Death Verdict—The Crafton Case.

Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock Judge Smith was on the bench in the circuit court to hear the argument on the motion for a new trial in the case of the People vs. William E. Westbrook, against whom the jury had brought in a verdict of guilty of the murder of William Gross, saloon keeper at Blue Mound, fixing the penalty at death by hanging. There were but few spectators in the court room. After the prisoner had been brought over from the jail, Judge Smith stated that he was ready to hear the argument.

Attorney I. R. Mills arose and stated that owing to the brief time allotted, the defense had been crowded to look up law points that they desired to present to the court in support of the motion, and that even at that time they were poorly prepared to properly present their argument to the court. Mr. Mills thought that more time should be granted the defense in which to prepare for the argument, and he would ask for further time if the prosecution seriously objected to a re-hearing of the case, (at this juncture State's Attorney Vail spoke up "we will most seriously object to a new trial in the case," and I. A. Buckingham who has acted as Vail's repeated the remark with emphasis). After brief reflection Judge Smith stated that he would not consult his own convenience in the matter, but would return to Decatur on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock and then hear the argument. He directed the defense to file their written reasons why a new trial should be granted by nine o'clock Monday morning so that the prosecution would know what they would have to answer. Court then adjourned to 3 p. m. to-day.

The severity of the verdict in this case has aroused a great deal of feeling in all parts of the city, and much sympathy is expressed for young Westbrook, whom some believe innocent of the crime and others think in a measure justified in stabbing the deceased if he really did do it. He claims that the fatal wound was accidentally inflicted by Gross falling on the knife. This theory of the case the jury did not accept. They looked at the black-mailing letter, the threats the defendant had made and the alleged dying statement of Gross who said that Westbrook had stabbed him.

The verdict was not only a surprise to the defense but also to the prosecution, neither Mr. Vail or Mr. Buckingham expecting more than a penitentiary sentence of a few years, while the defense who held that the evidence was largely of a circumstantial nature, thought that the prisoner would be acquitted or at the most a disagreement would be reached.

In less than 30 minutes after receiving the instructions the jury had agreed upon a verdict. The first vote was unanimous for conviction, and the second ballot was for inflicting the death penalty, one man being weakly in favor of a verdict of manslaughter. All signed the death verdict and as soon as the court could be notified the verdict was announced, and the jury discharged. The jurymen were O. B. Seipe, Joseph Powell, Adam Seeforth, Michael Cavanaugh, William Foose, Ed. D. DeHaven, William Armstrong, B. V. Harlan, Jesse Hanks, John Shriver, William L. Pierce and Henry Troesche. Attorney Mills states that the defense is hopeful of securing a new trial, but if it is not granted the defendant shall never hang on the present verdict, until the supreme court has passed on the case, no matter if he has to pay the expense of taking the case up out of his own pocket.

SURPRISE AT BLUE MOUND.

Blue Mound, Ill., Jan. 30.—The jury's verdict in the Westbrook case was a genuine surprise to the people of this community. But very few if any persons expected more than manslaughter, and not a few believed Westbrook would be acquitted.

NOTES.

Several relatives of Westbrook arrived in the city this morning from Christian county, and called upon the prisoner at the county jail. There were two brothers and two sisters in the party.

In arguing the motion for a new trial the counsel for the defense will endeavor to show that the court erred in admitting to the jury the alleged dying statement of Gross, claiming that the proof failed to show that that statement was made at a time when Gross certainly believed that there was no hope of his recovery. The defense will also present affidavits, stating that Michael Cavanaugh, one of the jurymen, expressed a positive opinion as to the guilt of the defendant before his examination as a juror. The general claim for a new trial is that the verdict is against the evidence.

At the close of the Young Women's Temperance Union meeting held in the lecture room of the First M. E. church Sunday afternoon, A. F. Smith, of the State Sentinel, offered a resolution that Judge Smith be petitioned to grant Westbrook a new trial. There were about 300 people present and nearly everybody voted in favor of the resolution without discussion. Mrs. McDowell had closed her address when Mr. Smith presented the resolution.

CRAFTON DIDN'T HANG.

This is the second time in the history of Macon county that the extreme penalty of the law has been inflicted. Newton Crafton killed Ebenezer Duff in a saloon at Taylorville in 1875. The case was brought to this county on a change of venue from Christian county. The case went to trial before Judge U. E. Smith on Monday Dec. 11, 1878. The jurymen selected were John L. Ball, David Blacklock, Virgil Devore, W. Jones, Benj. Colvin, E. G. Cox, L. R. Stickle, J. C. Walker, D. F. Moore, C. C. Lockwood, W. W. Shockey, and A. C. Horner. The presentation was conducted by State's Attorney McAnkall, of Christian county, and Nelson & Roby, of Decatur. The attorneys for the defense were Hon. J. C. Robinson, of Springfield, and Hon. A. B. Bunn, of Decatur. The widow and two children of Duff were at the trial, as were also his two uncles. The jury was out 24 hours and brought in a verdict of guilty and death by hanging on Dec. 16, 1878. The argument on the motion for a new trial was heard by Judge Smith and on Jan. 25, 1877, a new trial was granted. On June 5, 1877, the case was continued for trial to the August term because of the absence of four material witnesses. In August the case was again continued at defendant's cost. The case was finally disposed of

on Dec. 19, 1877, when Crafton withdrew his plea of not guilty and pleaded guilty. Judge Smith then sentenced Crafton to the penitentiary at hard labor for life. Crafton was discharged from the Joliet prison last November, he having been pardoned by Senator Oulmon before his retirement as governor of Illinois.

COMMON LAW DOCKET.

Alice Horne vs. H. F. Dillenburg; reply in motion by defendant for new trial overruled and judgment on the verdict. Appeal prayed and allowed. Bill of exceptions and bond of \$100 to be filed within 30 days.

Benjamin T. Taylor vs. Theo. S. Hoskins; attachment. Motion for new trial allowed.

CHANCERY DOCKET.

Andrew Dennis vs. Jane White et al.; foreclosure. Report of master approved and decree awarded. John M. Ratney, G. V. Leving and Reuben Betzer appointed commissioners.

Augustine Watt vs. John Lindsay et al.; foreclosure. Motion by defendant for an extension of the rule to introduce further testimony and motion overruled.

John Ulrich, trustee, et al. vs. James Timberman et al.; chancery. Report of master approved and decree awarded.

Ann E. Moorhead vs. Sarah E. Guth et al.; partition and dower. Report of commissioners approved and title confirmed.

The Dr. Mills Case.

J. S. Hewes arrived here from Albany, N. Y., Sunday morning. He was called there to testify in the Dr. R. N. Mills case. The trial will be held at Utica in March. Dr. Mills was indicted some ago for defrauding the government and to a hearing at liberty under \$8,000 bond. At Albany this month he was indicted again on two counts for fraud and two for perjury. His four alleged accomplices in the steal are also indicted. It is alleged that at a former trial Dr. Mills testified that he had constantly attended on the applicant for pension, who got \$14,000 from the government through fraud, from 1870 to 1875, the patient being in New York state. J. S. Hewes and Geo. F. Hardy were wanted to show that Mills was a resident of Decatur from 1872 until 1876. Both will be important witnesses at the trial. Through his swindling deals in and about Utica, N. Y., Dr. Mills had got hold of nearly \$50,000. He is said to have no money now. The Doctor has been arrested on the last indictment. Mrs. Mills is not understood and is not in jail.

At Rest.

The funeral of the late James G. Fish took place this afternoon from Music Hall, Rev. A. Kinney Hall conducting the impressive service in the presence of a large concourse of friends, among whom were members of the Masonic fraternity and of the Grand Army Post. The interment took place at Greenwood cemetery, Beaumont Commandery No. 9, Knights Templar, conducting the burial services at the grave. Sir Z. Taylor, James Hatfield, L. L. Burrows and Jerome Anderson served as pall-bearers. Goodman's band played the funeral dirge for the cortege, preceding the Knights Templar and Grand Army escort.

Sales of Real Estate.

Clarence B. Currier to C. M. Currier, 40 acres in 9, 15, 3, \$1000.

Georgiana W. Denton to Clarence B. Currier, quit claim to 60 acres in 9, 15, 3, \$3150.

Horse Talk.

Miss Woodford, br. m., foaled 1880, by imported Billet, dam Fancy Jane, by Neil Robinson, won more money than any animal that ever ran at the American race track, winning in five years forty-eight races, worth \$118,970.

The highest price ever paid for a thoroughbred horse in America was \$40,000, by Leonard Jerome, for Kentucky, by Lexington.

The greatest winning 2-year-old was Truant, foaled 1884, by Virgil, dam Ann Fiet, by Alarm. He won thirteen races and \$40,085 in money.

The richest stake ever won in America was the Peyton stake, run at Nashville in 1883, which was worth \$41,000 net to the winner. Distance, four mile heats.

The greatest notable sale of thoroughbreds ever had in this country was that of P. Lorillard in 1886, at which twenty-seven head sold for \$149,050, the highest price being \$29,000, the lowest \$300.

The funeral of Edward Skiver, the young married man who committed suicide, took place on Sunday afternoon. The verdict of the jury at the inquest held Saturday afternoon was that Skiver had poisoned himself.

A CLEAR skin adds to the beauty of a fine face, and often lends a charm to homeliness. To beautify your complexion, you should purify your blood with Ayer's Sarsaparilla. As a tonic and alterative medicine, it has no equal. Price \$1. Six bottles, \$5.

The popularity of these few articles—our Windsor, Mocha and Java Coffee and Princess Tea and XXXX Maple Syrup—has clearly demonstrated to us the fact that Decatur people will use the best goods when they know where to get them. Respectfully,

DINGES & CLOYD.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian church will hold a missionary meeting in the lecture room of the church on Monday evening at 7 o'clock. There will be an interesting paper on the work in Japan and some good music by the choir. All are invited to attend.

Amusements.

On Wednesday, Pete Baker, who has made "Chris and Lena" famous, will appear in that play at the opera house. The Boston News says:

Pete Baker, the German comedian, in "Chris and Lena" drew houses which left very little room in Danville's grand opera house yesterday afternoon and evening.

The comedy was light, and suited the humor of the crowd exactly. Baker's Teutonic eccentricities were rapidly received, and the efforts of some of the other members of the company were unappreciated.

Dramatic performances for the benefit of the Knights of Pythias Friday and Saturday evenings.

This age presents the greatest boon, Salvation Oil; it cures so soon.

When Christmas came with its good cheer, its fun, and its merry-making, we used to deprecate its toll, but that was long ago, before the days of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. Now it is very different. A new era has dawned on us, and great and small, little and tall, merry men all, are happy.

Chicago Grain Market.

The following were the closing quotations in Chicago at 1 p. m. to-day, received by G. C. Caldwell, Secretary Decatur Grain Co.:

Wheat—75c Jan; 75c Feb; 76c Mar; 81c May.

Corn—47c Jan; 47c Feb; 47c March; 52c May.

Oats—30 Jan; 29c Feb; 30c March; 32c May.

Rye—\$1.40 Jan; \$1.40 March; \$1.45 May.

Lard—\$7.47 Feb; \$7.47 Mar; \$7.65 May.

Rice—\$7.50 Feb; \$7.50 Mar; \$7.75 May.

Stocks—Estimated receipts—Hog 24,000; prospects lower.

Cattle, 12,000; prospects lower.

Our Lots—Wheat: 1st

